California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-2300

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT

Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin 450 Sycamore Street, Mill Valley, Marin County

The above discharger has filed an application for reissuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared a tentative permit for this discharger, containing limitations and provisions, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. A tentative Cease and Desist Order has also been prepared by Regional Water Board staff and will be adopted concurrently with the permit to ensure the Discharger achieves compliance with effluent limitations for mercury and cyanide. It was deemed infeasible for the Discharger to immediate comply with effluent limitations for these constituents.

The Discharger owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant, which provides secondary-level treatment for domestic wastewater from the six Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin member agencies: City of Mill Valley, Almonte Sanitary District, Alto Sanitary District, Homestead Valley Sanitary District, Richardson Bay Sanitary District, and the Kay Park Area of the Tamalpais Community Sanitary District. Each agency operates a satellite collection system independently from the Discharger and collects wastewater from its respective service area. The treated wastewater is discharged into Raccoon Strait (Central San Francisco Bay) through a deep water diffuser.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., August 8, 2007

Location: Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building

1515 Clay Street, Oakland, California

Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit, accompanying Cease and Desist Order, or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2007, so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing after that date.

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Water Board will hear oral testimony, but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were raised before the Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Water Board.

The application, tentative permit, fact sheet, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, and any additional information and developments on this matter are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Heather Ottaway at (510) 622-6112, or by e-mail at HOttaway@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions on this matter.

DATED	Lila Tang, NPDES Division Chief